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SUBJECT:IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS: 1958 AIR NAVIGATIONAL
EQUIPMENT LOAN AGREEMENT

REF: IRVING-EUR/NE DISCUSSIONS JANUARY 14

1. DEPT HAS RECEIVED FOR CLEARANCE ADVANCE COPY OF LETTER THAT FAA PROPOSES TO SEND TO KOFOED-HANSEN THROUGH THE EMBASSY RE EQUIPMENT LOAN. TEXT FOLLOWS: QUOTE DEAR AGNAR: DURING OUR MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 1973 WITH MR. LEIFUR MAGNUSSEN AND MR. GLEN GOUDIE TO DISCUSS THE EQUIPMENT LOAN AGREEMENT, WE AGREED TO LOOK INTO TRANSFERRING OWNERSHIP OF THE EQUIPMENT FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO YOUR ADMINISTRATION. PARAGRAPH WE ARE HAPPY TO ADVISE YOU THAT WE HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO DONATE TO THE ICELAND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION, ALL MATERIAL LOANED TO IT BY FAA UNDER REVOCABLE EQUIPMENT LICENSE DATED OCTOBER 1, 1958 AND AMENDMENTS 1 THROUGH 10 THERETO. THIS STEP IS TAKEN IN
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RECOGNITION OF THE LONGSTANDING FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP

BETWEEN THE AVIATION INTERESTS OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND THE BENEFITS TO ALL USERS OF THE ICELANDIC AERONAUTICAL SERVICES, TO WHICH THIS EQUIPMENT WILL CONTRIBUTE. PARAGRAPH IF YOU WILL COMMUNICATE YOUR ACCEPTANCE, WE WILL ARRANGE THROUGH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT REYKJAVIK FOR THE TITLE TO BE TRANSFERRED. UPON COMPLETION OF THAT ACTION,

THE FORMER AGREEMENT WILL BE TERMINATED AND THE OBLIGATION FOR RETURNING THE EQUIPMENT TO THE U.S. WILL BE SATISFIED. SINCERELY, CHARLES O. CARY, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. END QUOTE.

2. THE METHOD PROPOSED BY THE FAA, AS YOU KNOW, IS THE USUAL WAY IN WHICH SUCH TRANSACTIONS ARE HANDLED, BUT THE FAA HAS BEEN VERY UNDERSTANDING OF OUR NEGOTIATING NEEDS. WE REMEMBER THAT DURING YOUR CONSULTATIONS HERE, YOU EXPRESSED PREFERENCE THAT, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, NOTIFICATION OF DONATION BE MADE, IN FIRST INSTANCE, TO MINISTER BJORN JONSSON AS A DEMONSTRATION OF U.S. WILLINGNESS TO BE FORTHCOMING. YOU THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE DONE HERE IN WASHINGTON, PREFERABLY BY AMBASSADOR PORTER, DURING JONSSON'S NOW-POSTPONED TRIP TO THE U.S.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REACTION TO THE FAA DRAFT LETTER ABOVE IN LIGHT OF YOUR CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION AND YOUR ESTIMATE AS TO WHEN JONSSON MIGHT BE COMING TO THE UNITED STATES. IF HIS TRIP SEEMS TO BE RECEDING FOR ANY REASON, WHAT IN YOUR OPINION WOULD BE THE BEST ALTERNATIVE WAY TO ACCOMPLISH THE TRANSFER AND GAIN GOOD WILL FOR THE U.S.?

4. DEPARTMENT WONDERS IF THIS TRANSFER SHOULD BE MADE AT ALL AT THIS STAGE. FAA REPORTS THAT KOFOED-HANSEN IS VERY ANXIOUS TO GET HIS ANSWER AND THE FAA WOULD NATURALLY LIKE TO GET THE TRANSFER OUT OF THE WAY. HOWEVER, IT WOULD SEEM DESIRABLE, IF POSSIBLE, TO ASSOCIATE THIS EQUIPMENT DONATION WITH IDF NEGOTIATIONS AND TO HOLD OFF FOR TIME BEING. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS. KISSINGER

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